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COMMENT ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of this application.

In the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner paraphrases the limitations of Claims 43 and 55. For example, in connection with Claim 43, the Examiner states that one of the features not found in the prior art is "a tubular member having a partially braided expandable member at the distal end." Notice of Allowance, P. 2. However, Claim 43 reads as follows:

A device for occluding a vascular segment, comprising:

a tubular member having a proximal end portion and a distal end portion and a lumen extending therethrough;

an expandable member at the distal end portion of the tubular member, the expandable member being formed at least in part from a braided structure;

an elongate member having a proximal end portion and a distal end portion, wherein the distal end portion is connected to the expandable member, and the elongate member extends longitudinally within the lumen of the tubular

member, the elongate member being longitudinally moveable between a first position wherein the expandable member is in a collapsed configuration, and a second position wherein the expandable member is in an expanded configuration, and wherein the elongate member moves proximally longitudinally with respect to the tubular member as the expandable member moves from its collapsed configuration to its expanded configuration; and

an occluding membrane encapsulating the expandable member, the occluding membrane being configured to completely occlude blood flow in the vascular segment.

Applicants disagree with the *Reasons For Allowance* to the extent that the Examiner's paraphrasing of Claim 43 could be construed as defining any additional limitations not expressly set forth therein.

Also, in connection with Claim 55, the Examiner states that some of the features not found in the prior art are "a tubular member having an expandable member ... and an elongate member having disposed longitudinally within the tubular member and the elongate member having a distal end portion connected to the expandable member...." Notice of Allowance, P. 2. However, Claim 55 reads as follows

A device for occluding a vascular segment, comprising:

a tubular member having a proximal end portion and a distal end portion and a lumen extending therethrough;

an expandable member at the distal end portion of the tubular member;

an elongate member having a proximal end portion and a distal end portion, wherein the distal end portion is connected to the expandable member, and the elongate member extends longitudinally within the lumen of the tubular member, the elongate member being longitudinally moveable relative to the tubular member between a first position wherein the expandable member is in a collapsed configuration, and a second position wherein the expandable member is in an expanded configuration, wherein the elongate member is pulled proximally from the first position to the second position with respect to the tubular member to expand the expandable member; and

a covering disposed over the expandable member configured to expand with the expandable member and further configured to interrupt fluid flow through a vascular segment when the expandable member is in the expanded configuration.

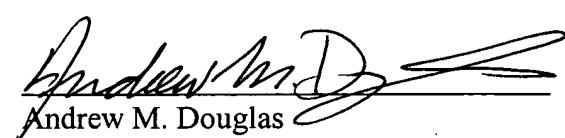
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Applicants disagree with the *Reasons For Allowance* to the extent that the Examiner's paraphrasing of Claim 55 could be construed as defining any additional limitations not expressly set forth therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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